the last three years and Revised Estimates are given in the table below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates
2000-2001	15,980.56	12,827.92
2001-2002	17,815.76	14,858.68
2002-2003	18,858.42	12,802.12

The perspective programme of modernization of the Armed Forces envisages enhancement of deterrence and operational capabilities through upgrade of existing equipment and acquisition of state of the art force multipliers, surveillance and communication equipment, fire control systems, precision guided munitions, night vision devices, electronic warfare equipment, enhanced fire power and bringing in generational improvements in ship and submarine construction as well as aircraft.

Use of Army Trucks for transporting children to schools

4196. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that typical Army Trucks, usually with limited seating capacity in a longitudinal direction, are being used to transport children to Army Schools;

(b) if so, whether the trucks fulfil the norms for school buses; and

(c) if not, the reasons for use of these trucks for transporting school children?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The army trucks are meant to carry troops and stores during operations. During peace time a few of these trucks, with some modifications without hampering their operational preparedness, are used to transport school children. These vehicles are manned by qualified drivers and attendants, who take due care while driving. However, the Defence personnel are free to use the trar sport provided by the schools.

Monitoring of coast line

4197. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Defence expressing its willingness to handover monitoring the coastal line of the Country to Coast Guards;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(c) whether any consultations have been made in this regard between the two Ministries; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the consultations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Ministry of Home Affairs has sent a proposal for strengthening of the Coast Guard for creating additional capabilities to enable it to take over the responsibility of joint coastal patrolling of Gujarat and Maharashtra coast. The proposal involves establishing Coast Guard stations and acquisition of Interceptors boats. The proposal is presently under examination of Ministry of Defence.

Indigenously produced torpedo

4198. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has completed successful trials on the first indigenously produced torpedo; and

(b) does the Indian torpedo place us in any advantage *vis-a-vis* Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Advanced light weight torpedo has been successfully developed by DRDO, through indigenous efforts and it has been evaluated by the Indian Navy. The pre-production units have been realised by Bharat Dynamic Ltd.

(b) Being the state-of-the-art torpedo, Indian Navy will have definite advantage on deployment.

Ban on MIG flights over residential areas

†4199. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

†Orginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.